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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to November 14, 2008 Office Action, Applicants hereby elect *Invention I* (Claims 1-15) without traverse, as explained below.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-44 are pending, with claims 1, 16, 17 and 28 being the only independent claims.

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